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OPPRESSED AND FORGOTTEN PEOPLE

EYC Strasbourg
22 - 29 April 88

Solidarity with oppressed and forgotten peoples has always been one of the main activities of CMP branches. The cases of oppressed peoples throughout the world are countless and the origins of oppression may differ.

In this international study-session organised at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg, four cases of oppressed and forgotten peoples with which CMP branches deal regularly will be presented : **South Africa/Namibia, Palestine, West-Sahara and East-Timor.** These four cases result from colonialism and people have been denied their right to self-determination throughout the years.

The seminar will bring together young members of CMP branches from all over Europe actively involved in solidarity work, and representatives from the Third World who will give an introduction to the 4 case studies.

Starting with a general approach on the rights pf peoples and the causes and methods of oppression, the presentation of the four situations of conflict will be followed by an analysis of the responsibilities and the responses of the West European countries, a briefing on the work of the solidarity movements and their perspectives.

The seminar is organised in the framework of the "European Public Campaign on North-South interdependence and solidarity", launched by the Council of Europe, to take place over the first six months of 1988.

PROGRAMME

Friday 22/04
Arrival of participants
Presentation

Saturday 23/04
Introduction to the seminar, presentation of the EYC and the North-South Campaign of the Council of Europe
Simulation game
Evening : "From continent to continent" - discovery of oppressed people in the world

Sunday 24/04
Elisabeth BÄUMLIN (International league for the rights and liberation of peoples) : "The rights of peoples"
group discussion
Case study : SOUTH AFRICA/NAMIBIA , WEST-SAHARA

Monday 25/04
Case study : PALESTINE, EAST-TIMOR
Visit to Strasbourg, Dinner in town

Tuesday 26/04
Luisa Teotonio PEREIRA (Commission for the Maubere People's rights): "Causes and ways of oppression", general consequences of colonialism and the present economic system, group work
Evening : cultural activity

Wednesday 27/04
Responses and reactions to oppression :
a) resistance and liberation struggle
b) solidarity groups and action
c) culture as a way of resistance and political expression

Thursday 28/04
Perspectives for the solidarity movements - with Jos LEMMERS, coordinator of the North-South Campaign of the Council of Europe
Evaluation of the seminar
Evening : PARTY

Friday 29/04
departure of participants

Place : European Youth Centre (EYC)
30 Rue Pierre de Coubertin
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Tel: 88 31 05 31

Date : Arrival on Friday, 22 April 88 until 18.00
Departure on Friday, 29 April 88 after breakfast

Profile of participants : Participants should be involved in solidarity work on the local or national level of their branches, or be interested in doing so in the future. They should have some knowledge of the problems evoked and be interested in the proposed exchange of experiences on international level. (Age : 18 - 30 years)

Working methods : The working methods will be based on techniques of active learning, taking in consideration the experiences of the participants.
Participants are invited to bring material, articles, brochures and videos dealing with the issue of the study session and the case studies presented.

Languages : Participants should be able to participate actively in French or English. There will be simultaneous interpretation during the working sessions.

Finances : Travel expenses will be re-imbursed according to the rules of the Council of Europe. Participants are requested to travel the most economic way (BIGE, TRANSALPINO, APEX).
A participation fee of **195 FF** will be deducted from the travel reimbursement. Young workers can introduce a request for loss of earning.

Deadline for application : 22 March 88

Applications have to sent to the national branches of CMP, who will transmit them to the European Secretariat.
Participants will receive complementary information and preparatory documents along with the confirmation of their participation.